in its entirety, rests alone on things material. He has not the mental qualities for leadership. The complaints here today on every side were to the effect that Governor-Chairman's leadership was the leadership of a club swung by public patronage. The Governor-Chairman's mental attainments are not of the high order or of the intellectual breadth that can maintain his leadership. He is described here to-day as the Richard Croker of his party, the Croker who demanded obedience and attained it by force and patron-

The fiftieth anniversary of the Repub-Hean party is to be celebrated here on Wednesday night, and old-time Republicans who attended the first convention of their party in the State had a few words to say to-day of the great leadership in the State of Thurlow Weed, William H. Seward, Rauben E. Fenton, Roscoe Conkling and Thomas C. Platt, and one of these Republi-

Poor old Alonzo B. Cornell is still alive, afflicted mentally and otherwise, but I would rather be poor old Cornell to-day in his retirement than Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., when he retires from the Governor's chair

These old-time Republicans went on to point out that Weed, Seward, Fenton, Conkling and Platt were leaders because they were born leaders; they were leaders because they had the characteristics of leadership, and these men, it was added, did not secure their leadership by destroying their predecessors, and neither did they obtain their leadership by methods which will be spoken of by Republican posterity with a bad taste in its mouth.

Governor-Chairman Odell, as already noted, is for Higgins, and has been for Higgins from the start. The Woodruff people say they are to put up a good fight against Odell and Higgins.

Mr. Woodruff had many consultations with his friends here to-day and they confidently predict that Mr. Woodruff will be heard from before the week is out. There are to be 974 delegates in the convention, requiring 488 to nominate. Up to to-night Governor-Chairman Odell counts that he has already more than a majority of delegates, with the possibility that he will be able to control absolutely, even in case of a fight, upward of 550 delegates. Many Republicans here are sighing for a greater man than either Higgins, Wood-ruff, Fish or Hendricks to lead them as their candidate for Governor. The delightful feature of these four men, though, is ad-mitted by all, and that is their high reputation for probity. The only unhappy concern is that four men of the reputation of Higgins, Woodruff, Fish and Hendricks, because of the exigency of the case are compelled to come up for consideration at the hands of the Tapeworm Club which, with Governor-Chairman Odell as its chief member, is now in complete control of the Republican party machine of the State. The decrees of this Tapeworm Club, as laid down by Governor-Tapeworm Cub, as laid down by dovernor-Chairman Odell and as supported by his two wardmen, William L. Ward and Lucius N. Littauer, are absolute. What would Weed, Seward, Fenton and Conkling have said if such men as Odell, Ward and Littauer and Hooker and several others of the Tape-wormers had attempted to dictate Republiminations and policies to them? s been the question on a good many lips

to-day.

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It should be recorded, however, that a great many Republicans here are restive under Governor-Chairman Odell's leadership. They care nothing for the Governor-Chairman as an individual, but they are proud of the record of their party in the State for the last fifty years. They dislike very much to see this valiant party of the past handled as if it were a ward primary in the city of Newburg.

Another point of criticism is that you hear nothing here save the words "graft, graft, graft," Most of the talk is of graft, public and private graft, and just how it can be obtained. Nothing has hurt Mr. Higgins so much in the estimation of Republicans here as the fact that a man of his high reputation has been pounced upon by Governor-Chairman Odell to, be the Republican candidate for Governor. One of the happy features of Mr. Woodruff's life, it was said in this connection, is that the Governor-Chairman is opposed to his nomination. "That ought to be written on Tim Woodruff's tombstone, said one of Woodruff's admirers this aftersaid one of Woodruff's admirers this after-In the event of Mr. Higgins's nomination

and election, the future alone would tell what was to happen. Some of his friends say that he is not the tractable man that say that he is not the tractable man that Governor-Chairman Odell believes him to be. Whether he is tractable or not, the rain point is that Mr. Higgins is a man of the highest reputation in the State, both as a business man and as a Republican. Speaking of Governor-Chairman Odell's leadership, important Republicans said to-day that they had protested and would continue to protest against Governorcontinue to protest against Governor— Chairman Odell's conduct for the last six months and more in practically foreclosing the nomination for Governor without consultation with Republican chieftains all over the State. For a long time Governor conference Chairman Odell's respond gronies have

the nomination for Governor without consultation with Republican chieftains all over the State. For a long time Governor-Chairman Odell's personal cronies have declared that Frank Wayland Higgins was to be the candidate of this convention for Governor. The Governor-Chairman limself in personal conversation has had little to say of any man except Mr. Higgins. The grumbling over this situation was what induced Mr. Higgins, in Syracuse a little over a week ago, to issue that statement in which he said that he would not be the candidate of a faction of his party.

The Republicans who find fault with Governor-Chairman Odell in picking out Higgins without consultation with other infidential Republicans went on to say to-day that the situation in the State, so far as State politics is concerned, is in a dangerous condition. They asserted that it was only fool politics to start a campaign by underestimating the strength of the adversary. The Republicans who made this statement said that they had information to the effect that the Democrats were to nominate a strong candidate for Governor, who was to ignore entirely national issues and was to go on the stump all over the State and make State issues the point of all his speeches.

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"We must nominate a man here," said an eminent Republican to-day, "who can get on the stump and attempt to answer the on the stump and attempt to answer the Democratic candidate for Governor. Can Higgins do this? No. Can Fish do this? No. Can Frank Hendricks do this? No. Can Woodruff do it? Yes, to a certain extent; better, perhaps, than either Higgins, Fish or Hendricks. But the whole situation has been all balled up by Gov. Odell and his friends in forcelosing the nomination for

has been all balled up by Gov. Odell and his friends in foreclosing the nomination for Governor for Higgins.

"This situation has prevented other candidates who could go on the stump and make rousing speeches from coming to the front. Then Mr. Higgins has been a part of the Odell administration for the last two years. That administration is on trial. As I am informed the Democratic candidate for Governor is to put Gov Odell's candidate for Governor is to put Gov. Odell's administration to the test, and if I had my way here I would insist that Gov. Odell way here I would insist that Gov. Odell himself take the nomination and go upon the stump and defend his own administration. Gov. Odell is familiar with everything that he has done at Albany. Frank-Higgins is not, neither is Woodruff and neither is Frank Hendricks. Many things have been kept secret by Gov. Odell, but the Demograte seem to have a faculty of getting on to them. For instance, I know perfectly well that the editor and owner of a great New York city Demogratic newspaper, has been making a thorough investipaper has been making a thorough investi-gation of every step Gov. Odell has made within the last four years and that this information is to be turned over to the Democratic candidate for Governor. This investigation has been thorough in every respect, and I am corry to say will put us on the defensive in the approaching campaign, provided the Democrats nominate a straight, clean candidate and one who can present his side of the case to the voters of the State."

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As already announced, Jacob Sloat Fassett is to be temporary chairman of the conventions and Senator George R. Malby is to be permanent chairman. There has been little talk about a candidate for Lieu-

tenant-Governor, although if Mr. Woodruff runs first under the wire, Mayor Erastus C. Knight of Buffalo is here ready and anxious for the job as Lieutenant-Gov-ernor. If Mr. Higgins is nominated for Governor, Senator Nathaniel A. Elsberg of New York city is prominently mentioned for Lieutenant-Governor.

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John F. O'Brien, Secretary of State, now wants to be renominated, although he declared several months ago that unless Mr. Root was nominated for Governor he did Root was nominated for Governor he did not care for a renomination, but he has seen a new light in another direction. Otto Kelsey of Livingston county, a perfectly upright man in the estimation of those who know him, is to be nominated for Comptroller. John G. Wickser of Erie has made it known that he does not care for a renomination for State Treasurer under any circumstances. Henry A. Van Alstyne of Chatham, now holding the place of State Engineer and Surveyor by appointment of Gov. Odell, is to be nominated for that office. The Governor-Chairman needs men like Boyd, Hill and Van Alstyne in his business.

Chief Judge Edgar M. Cullen is to be nominated for that place and William E. Werner, Supreme Court Justice, now holding the place of Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals by appointment, is to be nominated to succeed Celora E. Martin of Binghamton, who goes out because of the age limit.

Robert C. Morris, former president of the Republican county committee, took Governor-Chairman Odell, Senator Platt, Mrs. Platt and Miss Snow, Mrs. Platt's daughter, and Senator and Mrs. Depewout to the lake to-night for dinner. Mrs. Platt said: "I am a Woodruff man; I am for Woodruff. I believe Mr. Woodruff should be nomineted for Governor"

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Governor-Chairman Odell is in such complete control of the situation through present patronage and the opportunities for canal patronage that Republican leaders who desire to thwart his wishes and prevent the nomination of Higgins do not dare to make an open fight. The Governor-Chairman swung his patronage club to great effect to-day in keeping these leaders in line.

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Governor-Chairman Odell called a conference to-night of Republican leaders for to-morrow afternoon or evening, "to suit the convenience of Senator Platt," the Governor-Chairman added. All day the Governor-Chairman has devoted much of his time and most of his attentions to Senator Platt. The Governor-Chairman did not call his conference until after the arrival of ex-Gov. Frank S. Black, and then said: "In selecting the candidate for Governor the wishes of the delegates." Most of the leaders in the Odell machine are controlled by Odell patronage.

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Francis Hendricks of Syracuse and Hamilton Fish of Garrison, both of whom have been prominently mentioned for the nomination for Governor, arrived to-night.

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Mr. Hendricks said:

"I think Mr. Higgins is the best candidate to be nominated here. Mr. Higgins, in my opinion, is the best equipped man for the Governorship."

Mr. Fish also had kind words to say of Mr. Higgins. Mr. Higgins's personal friend N. V. V. Franchot of Olean arrived to-night and Collector Stranahan is to come here to-morrow morning. Mr. Franchot and Mr. Stranahan are very strong Higgins men.

PRESIDENT HEARS PEACE SERMON Rev. Dr. Washburn Deplores the Neces sity of War.

OYSTER BAY, Sept. 11.-President Roosevelt listened this morning to a sermon on 'Peace" by the Rev. Dr. H. H. Washburn, rector of Christ Episcopal Church here. In the course of the sermon Dr. Washburn deplored the conditions which necessitate the maintenance by the nations of the world of large standing armies and of ships "freighted with instruments of death.

There were some persons in the congregation who recalled the sermon preached by Dr. Washburn two years ago, when he startled the country by saving that McKinley's assassination may have been by Divine desire, so that a worthy man might follow. These persons were inclined to regard the rector's remarks this time as of political, if not personal, significance in view of the Republican attitude toward in view of the Republican attitude toward a standing army and an enlarged navy.

Any intention of having preached the sermon with that purpose was, however, emphatically disclaimed by the rector when he was asked about it. The sermon was not meant, he said, to apply to any party doctrine or issue, nor should it assume any significance, he asserted, because the candidate of the Republican party was in the congregation to which he preached. Dr. Washburn took this as the theme of his

"The peace of the world lies in the wider adoption of the principles underlying the precepts of righteousness."

He said in part:

You remember when a peace congress was held in Chicago composed of representatives from home and abroad, and when arbitration was advocated for the settlement of all disputes between nations, hoping thereby to abolish internecine strife and horrors of

all disputes between nations, hoping thereby to abolish internecine strife and horrors of war. The theory is beautiful and dod like; but we cannot overlook the fact that children are being born to-day who in the future will double up their fists at supposed wrongs or injury as quickly and defiantly as did their grandfathers and great grandfathers. How, despite our boasted civilization, have wars devastated our own and foreign lands. Alliances, triple and quadruple, have been as ropes of sand. What standing armies of thousands and tens of thousands confront one another upon the lines which separate nationalities! What ships, freighted with instruments of death and destruction plough the sea!

We have to look beneath the surface of things to find the bed rock upon which our feet may stand. Not that efforts should be lessoned to accomplish if possible by arbitration the settlements of international differences; but, more than this, in every civilized nation legislation must regard the principles underlying all precepts of righteousness as contained in the Old and New Testaments.

With the President at the service were

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., the President's eldest son, led his Sunday school class in the chapel of the church for the last time until next summer. He will leave Oyster Bay for Groton, Mass., to resume his studies this week.

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Teddy's class is composed of boys 9 and 10 years old, and they were all sorry to take leave of him. It has been his practice in conducting the class not to follow any regular Sunday school lesson as contained in booklets, but to select his own subject and lecture in it, applying scriptural lessons to current topics. His favorite Biblical characters for holding up before the boys have been David and Joseph, and most of his talks have been concerning them.

WOODRUFF ON THE FIRST BALLOT So Says Col. Dady-Brooklyn Vanguard Off for Saratoga.

Republican interest in Brooklyn is now centred on the important developments of the next few days at Saratoga, where the political fortunes of the Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff are in the balance. The rank and file of the party in Kings county and its solid delegation of 132 to the convention are lined up for Mr. Woodruff, and there will not only be sincere disappointment, but are lined up for Mr. Woodruff, and there will not only be sincere disappointment, but great surprise if he does not capture the gubernatorial prize. Col. Dady, before embarking last evening on the Albany boat for Saratoga with a vanguard of Mr. Woodruff's chief lieutenants, declared:

"It's Tim, sure, and that, too, on the first ballet."

A couple of hundred Brooklyn Republicans are going to Saratoga, some of them to-day and the others to-morrow. A committee of twenty, representing the German-American League, starts to-morrow. It will strongly urge the nomination of Mr.

Woodruff.
It has been practically decided that John Drescher, treasurer of the Republican county committee, will be nominated as the candidate for the Senate in the Fourth the candidate for the senate in the routh district. This will necessitate the resignation of Mr. Drescher as a presidential elector, and it has been arranged that Thomas Pollock Peters, editor of the Brocklyn Daily Times, who has been a receptive candidate for the Senatorship, will take Mr. Drescher's place on the electoral ticket.

ODIUM ATTACHED TO ODELLISM

MUCH OF IT ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIS COURSE AS GOVERNOR.

State Charitable and Correctional Institutions to Build Up and Maintain His Political Machine in the State.

SARATOGA, Sept. 11 .- A large measure of the general odium which attaches to Governor-Chairman Odell is attribu able to his unprecedented course with relation to the State charitable and correctional institutions, including the large and growing sales of the Newburg Mathews grocery to the State prisons and the insane hospitals. Immediately following his first elec-

tion the Governor-Chairman began to evolve plans whereby he could induce the people of the State to believe that it would be to their interest to allow him to have absolute control of these institutions. To his eyes the vast patronage of the insane hospitals, the State charities and the prisons, represented by an annual expenditure of \$7,000,000, was a promised land flowing with milk and honey. There are few now so credulous as to doubt that the Governor-Chairman desired to gain control of these vast expenditures in order to reap every gain and advantage for himself and his satellites.

Many of those who were unacquainted with the Governor-Chairman's real character, and others, perhaps, who desired to think well of him in his new and exalted office, have been for a time befogged by his plausible professions of "economy, but not for a moment did the reasons he gave for his attempts at benevolent assimilation deceive the large number of public spirited men and women who were intelligently interested in the proper administration of the State's philanthropies. Many of them had studied every phase of the subject in this country and in Europe and were too well informed to be beguiled by any such illogical pleas as the Governor advanced in defence of his ill digested plans to strengthen his political machine through control of the State institutions. some of them, too, through special knowledge, were able to estimate at its true worth the sinister character of Governor-Chairman Odell. They did not think that the chief lobbyist of the Legislature of 1900 was exactly the kind of a person to reform" the marraement of the State institutions by driving out, as he proposed. the independent citizens who were successfully administering the affairs of these institutions, and centralizing their control in his own hards.

Unacquainted with the work and purposes of the great State charities, and lamentably ignorant of the principles upon which they were managed and supervised it was but natural that Odell should blunder in his attempted grasp of power. Floundering badly at every step, he still kept blindly on, until he had succeeded in arousing an opposition to a scheme that was remendous in its scope and influence, and that, in the election of 1902, assisted in bringing his party to the very verge of iefeat and disaster.

The first step in this programme of centralization was to secure legislation to reduce the non-political central supervisory boards of charities and of prisons to manageable proportions politically. By the Governor-Chairman's plan this was to be accomplished through the removal of the independent citizens serving practically without compensation on such boards and the substitution therefor, as the president of each board, of one salaried commissioner, with two State officers as assistants, to be appointed by the Governor and subject to his removal. With this safely accomplished the Governor hoped and planned. The next step, cunningly deferred for a year, however, was to be the abolition of the separate boards of managers of the insane hospitals and the charities, and the transfer of their powers and duties to the central boards, absolutely controlled by the Gov-

Foiled in his attempt to reduce the State Board of Charities to political vassalage. the Governor succeeded in his similar effort directed at the State Commission of Prisons, under the pretense, long since shown to be both false and fraudulent, that \$10,000 a year could be saved by the change he recommended. This non-political board of eight members, who could be trusted to do their duty to the people of the State without regard to political consideration, was reduced to the present purely political board of three members, who can be trusted to safeguard the interests of the Odell political machine at all hazards. The presi dent of this committee, former State Treasurer John P. Jaeckel, receives \$2,500 a year aslary, and one of the other members, by the appointment of Gov. Odell, is Superin-tendent of State Prisons, who is thus, in deflance of the plain intent of the Constitu-tion of the State, given the absolute in-compatible duty of visiting and inspecting his own work.

his own work.
The State Lunacy Commission has always The State Lunacy Commission has always consisted of three well salaried officials, and has generally been more or less political in its make-up. No change in this commission was therefore necessary to adapt it to the Governor's purpose. The moral fibre of the present Lunacy Commission, under the influence of Odellism, is shown by the recent appointment, at the instance of the Governor, of Michael Hines, a Bowery drink-mixer and one of the Odell New York city district leaders, to the place of secretary, at a salary of \$4,000 a year, of the newly created board to examine mentally affected immigrants. The deep research of Mr. Hines and his special fitness for the place to which he has been appointed were shown in a recent published interview, when he remarked that the board of which he is a subordinate was composed of "alienists," so-called, because they had to do with aliens.

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The State prisons have always been under political control, and, therefore, from the Odell standpoint their managewas entirely satisfactory. The power which the Governor exercises over the penal institutions was shown by the appointment made by the Superintendent of State Prisons, at the direct command of Gov. Odell, of Jacob Snell, the ponderous canal contractor of Fonda, to the place of superintendent of that political monstrosity known as the Eastern New York Reformatory at Napanoch. The history of the prostitution of this institution for partisan purposes is well known. Those who have seen the 400 pounds of Mr. Snell, incased in a Fonda business suit, at the Governor's receptions, with a large ring adorning his index finger, will at once recognize his marked fitness for the place in question.

in question.

The vast difference between the course The vast difference between the course of the Governor in forcing the appointments of Hines and Snell upon the State Commission in Lunacy and the State Superintendent of Prisons, respectively, and the action of the board of managers of the Reformatory at Elmira (which the Governor intended to have abolished) in its recent appointment of a superintendent should be a valuable object lesson to the people of the State, strongly supporting the contention of those who urged the continuance of such independent non-partisan managetention of those who urged the continuance of such independent non-partisan management. The Elmira board, with an eye to the welfare of that institution, sought to secure the best equipped man in the United States to fill the place, and it is generally conceded that it accomplished this purpose when it induced Col. Scott of the celebrated Concord, Mass., reformatory to accept the appropriatment.

the Lunacy Commission and the Superintendent of State Prisons directly under his thumb, the Governor-Chairman proceeded to carry out the next step in his plan, which, as has been said, was to secure the abolition of the boards of managers of the insane hospitals and the State charitable and reformatory institutions and to impose their powers and duties upon central officials directly under his control, the Lunacy Commission to have the management of the State hospitals, while a superintendent was to be provided to manage the State charitable and reformatory institutions.

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With the aid of the Lunacy Commission the Governor-Chairman succeeded in his designs upon the State insane hospitals, but with respect to the charities the best wing from a reluctant Legislature authority to appoint a "fiscal supervisor" to control their expenditures, transferring to this officer the powers previously exercised by the State Comptroller. The salary first named in the bill creating this office was \$4.000 a year, but this was increased to \$6,000 a year on the plea that a superior person was to be selected. To the great surprise of every one the Governor chose for this important place Harry H. Bender, a cheap politician of Albany, who was absolutely without experience in the work committed to his care, but is well adapted to the Odel purposes.

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The managers of the insane hospitals were, however, not abolished without a severe struggle, during which, with the aid of Goodwin Brown, a former Commissioner in Lunacy and a professed Democrat, the Governor-Chairman prepared and circulated slandarous attempties with recirculated slanderous statements with re lation to the managers, for the most part, however, couched in such general terms as to make it impossible to answer and refute them. It is also a fact that he later ap-pointed as a member of the board of visi-tors to one of the hospitals the man against whom the most serious charges were di-rected, thus indicating very clearly how rected, thus indicating very clearly how little importance he really attached to

The net result of all these changes had

simply been to give more power and patronage to the Odell machine. Not a single public interest has been advanced, but the public service has deteriorated through such appointments as those of Hines and such appointments as those of Hines and Snall, as well as in many other ways.

To carry out his visions of economy, the Governor has compelled the erection of three story non-fireproof structures to house the insane, thereby endangering their lives, but saved enough in this way, perhaps, to enable him to spend \$50,000 of the State's money to pay for the gold lace and fireworks trip which he and his favorites took to St. Louis. The medical staff of the hospitals has deteriorated and the percentage of cures has diminished under the Odell management, rendering the experiment exceedingly costly to the people of the State.

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Bender, it is true, occasionally issues bulletins showing the alleged great savings in the management of the charities which no one else is able to see, but he carefully refrains from explaining that he com-pelled the children at the House of Refuge on Randall's Island to exist on 3-cent meals, and allowed them only 60 cents a month

and allowed them only 60 cents a month for clothing.

The Governor-Chairman has publicly complained that "politics" is generally looked down upon by the average citizen, but he is apparently oblivious to the fact that politics of this kind makes the word a stench in the nostrils of the people. In the opinion of the leading charitable people of the State Odellism is a rank and fetid miasma, degrading to all who are so unfortunate as to come within the sphere of its influence. The Governor-Chairman's course with relation to the insane hospitals and the charities has been, it is charged, and the charities has been, it is charged, ignorant and brutal. He has wantonly offended many of the best citizens of the State, whose active resentment at the last State, whose active resentment at the last election cost his party thousands of votes. The grocery taint, too, is unfortunately highly contagious. Another permanent State officer, who hopes for reelection in November, insists upon selling his coal to the institutions, and no one can foretell how soon the others will follow his example and seek to dispose of all sorts of merchandise.

ODELL'S CAMPAIGN ASSESSMENT. That of E Per Cent. of Salaries of State

Employees Reduced to 8 Per Cent. SARATOGA, Sept. 11.-In his capacity as chairman of the Republican State commitee Gov. Odell has caused a reduction from to 3 per cent. to be made in the campaign ssessment levied by that committee upon the employees in the State departments in Albany, in the State institutions and on the canals. This reduction was brought bout largely because of the widespread opposition on the part of the employees. who number about ten thousand, to paying such a large assessment as 5 per cent.

Many harsh criticisms have issued from the Republican officeholders in the capitol because Gov. Odell caused such a large assessment to be levied upon their salaries Even the figure to which the assessmen has been reduced is larger than State employees ever before have paid, the assessments heretofore running from 1 to

21/2 per cent. In obedience to a letter received from Mr. Odell as Governor, and written in his campaign headquarters in the Fifth Avenue Hotel, a number of State departments have posted the provisions of the civil service law, which makes it a misdemeanor o solicit or pay political assessments. The posting of this notice has caused people to wonder if Gov. Odell thinks that the people are fools. They realize that Mr. Odell as Governor only calls attention to these provisions of law and that he follows up this letter by sending an employee of the Republican State committee to Albany to reeive the moneys collected by the heads of the different State departments. Of course a State employee need not pay this assess-ment, theoretically, but in practice if he neglects to do so he quickly learns that his job is in danger. Many employees already have paid this assessment, and some paid the full 5 per cent assessment before it had been reduced at the direction of Gov-

ernor-Chairman Odell.

Robert J. Hill of Orange county, Governor-Chairman Odell's personal appointee as State Superintendent of Public Buildas State Superintendent of Public Buildings, lost no time in collecting from the employees in his department, who were forced to pay the assessment when they received their two weeks pay last week Wednesday. The money was collected by an agent of Supt. Hill in the rooms of the Capital City Club on State street in Albany. Many of the employees protested against paying such a big assessment, saying it would leave their families in want until the next pay day, Sept. 15, and one employee who refused point blank to pay was discharged on the spot.

As usual, the Civil Service Reform Association, of which Carl Schurz is president, through its secretary, Elliot H. Goodwin, has called the attention of the State win, has called the attention of the State departments to the provisions of the civil service law prohibiting political assessments and has requested the cooperation of the heads of departments in calling the attention of the employees to the act in question. But the Civil Service Reform Association may just as well not send out these letters unless they back them up by prosecuting those who collect the money. It would not be a hard matter for them to get the necessary evidence if they are really in earnest to stop this practice. n earnest to stop this practice.

Yates County Republican Convention. CORNING, N. Y., Sept. 11.-At the Repubican county convention for Yates county these nominations were made: Member of Assembly, L. D. West of Dundee; Superintendent of the Poor, William H. Townsend of Penn Yan; Coroner, Dr. Joseph J. Cox of Penn Yan. Candidate West is a red-hot anti-canal man. The county delegates to the State convention are for Woodruff

Sir John Murray, Oceanographer, Here, Sir John Murray, the Scottish oceanographer and member of the Challenger expedition, who will attend the interna-tional geographic congress in this countri-arrived last night from Glasgow Having thus reduced the State Commis-sion of Prisons as he desired, and having the Anchor liner Columbia.

MAN SHOT IN WOMAN'S ROOM.

I HAD TO," SAYS SHE WHOSE PIS-TOL BROUGHT FERGUSON DOWN.

He Is a Theatrical Agent—She Left Her Him Out, Admitted Him and Shot Him-Both Drunk and Quarrelsome.

At the climax of a drunken quarrel Sertrude Roberts shot Warren J. Ferguson, advance agent for Nellie McHenry, the actress, at the Metropolitan Hotel early esterday morning. He is in the New York Hospital with a bullet hole in his right lung, and the chances are against his recovery. Ferguson is 38 years old and has been a

theatrical advance agent for many years. The woman is married and came originally from Rochester. They met at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo and have seen much of each other since that time. It wasn't long after the meeting before Gertrude Roberts left her husband. He went to Detroit and she to New York. She has been seen a great deal since in the region about Twenty-seventh street and Broad-way, where the Metropolitan is. Every time his business brought him to town

Ferguson was in her company. She took room 404 on the fourth floor of the Metropolitan three weeks ago. A fortnight afterward Ferguson come to town in advance of Nellie McHenry's "M'liss" ompany, which opens to-night in Brooklyn. He took another room on the same floor. They were together almost constantly. On Saturday night they left the hotel in

company. Neither was seen again until she came home, a little unsteady, about 5 o'clock yesterday morning. He came in half an hour later, carrying a bottle of whiskey. He went to her room, knocked and was admitted. In a few minutes the other lodgers on that

floor were awakened by violent quarrelling. Once they heard the door of No. 404 slam, and, peering out, saw Ferguson in his night clothes begging to be let in again. She relented at last, but the quarrel went on.

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Then Charles Hill, a night bellboy, got a call from No. 404. He went up. The door was open and there was an awful rumpus going on. By the bed stood the woman, in her night clothes, holding a little revolver in her left hand.

"I'll shoot you if you don't go out!" she was screaming.

From the corner Ferguson gathered himself and sprang at her. Seeing that shooting was about to begin, Hill jumped out and got the door in front of him. Then he heard a shot.

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He didn't dare to open the door for a minute. But the woman was crying maudin terms of endearment and the man was groaning, and at last the bellboy got up his courage and entered.

The woman had dropped the little silver mounted toy of a revolver and was trying to get free from Ferguson, who lay like a log across her, pinning her down on the bed. Hill rolled him over. There was a hole in his right breast.

The hotel was aroused. The hotel people got a doctor and Policeman Collagy, who was just at the corner. The woman did not try to escape. She sat on the bed, abusing and petting Ferguson by turns.

"Who shot you?" asked Collagy.

"I don't know," the wounded man gasped. But afterward he said to the woman:

"Why did you short me Gestia?"

"Because it was your life or mine, dearie,

she said.

They got Ferguson to the New York They got Ferguson to the New York Hospital. There they found that not only was the lung pierced, but that there was danger of blood poisoning. The pistol, though little more than a toy, had been pressed close to the man's breast and had carried fragments of the clothing into the wound. Coroner Scholer took the man's ante-mortem statement.

The woman was taken to the Tenderloin police station, where Assistant District Attorney Garvan, who had been summoned, heard what she had to say. She hadn't quite sobered up, and she admitted the shooting sullenly.

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"I had to," she said.

She gave her trade as a "silver gilder." She added that she had been on the stage for a time, but wouldn't name the companies. Her story of the affair is that Ferguson was abusing and threatening her. Once she managed to get him out of the room, but he came back and renewed his abuse. Finally she rang for the beliboy. Before he responded Ferguson got so violent that she took the revolver from her bureau drawer to protect herself.

She gave her age as 24. She is tall, handsome in a flashy way and dresses well. She was held without bail to await the result of Ferguson's injuries.

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Coroner Scholer had a hard time getting an ante-mortem statement out of Fergu son. He admitted at last that the woman an ante-mortem statement out of Ferguson. He admitted at last that the woman
had shot him. Then suddenly he reneged.

"I revoke all I said," he gasped. "I don't
want to get Gertie into trouble."

Charles Hill, the experienced bellboy,
was rushing down the hall just after the
shooting, when a guest thrust his head
out of a doorway and asked:

"What's the noise? Who fired that shot?"

"Nothing at all," said Hill, without turning a hair. "That's the way we always wake
the guests."

ROOSEVELT SURE-M'ARTHUR. The Preacher Tells His Congregation That

the President Will Be Reelected. The Rev. Dr. Robert S. MacArthur, who ecently returned from a lecture tour in fifteen States, preached at Calvary Baptist Church last night on the doctrine of election. His sermon was more political than theological. In part he said:

We are now in the midst of discussions incident to our quadrennial Presidential election. There is no excitement in these dis-cussions; there will be no great excitement at any stage in the campaign. The people as far as they talked with me during a trip through fifteen States have made up their minds. They can see no good reason for a change in Presidents and Cabinets. Probably there were never abler men at

the head of the various departments in the history of the republic than at the

moment. There is no disposition on the part

moment. There is no disposition on the part of the majority of the people to turn out veterans tried and true and to intrust the Government to novices without special training or experience.

There is not much criticism of President Roosevelt and his Government to-day as there was of President McKinley and his policies four years ago; not a tithe of the ferce criticism which was given to President Lincoln, President Jefferson and George Washington is now given to Roosevelt. The result of the Presidential election is already known to God, but the supporters of the candidates cannot look into God's secret book, therefore they are striving to make the election of their candidate sure. This is quite right.

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It is not otherwise in religion. The doctrine of the election has been most unwisely preached. It has also been most absurdly believed. It has been made a synonym for fatalism in the worst form. It has robbed man of incentive toward the right and of responsibility for evil here and condemnation hereafter. Men forget that when God elects an end, his election of that end implies the use of the means appropriate to that end. Men ought to remember that religion is sanctified common sense.

Mad Dogs in Ithaca.

ITHACA, N. Y., Sept. 11 .- Two weeks ago a mad dog was at large in the town and bit many others. The mad dog was killed and some of those it had bitten were captured. Others, however, escaped. The captured. Others, however, escaped. The officers of the veterinary college of Cornell University inoculated a number of guinea pigs with the saliva of the mad dog killed and yesterday the pigs began to show the first symptoms of hydrophobia. Other dogs at the same time began to show signs of madness. A number of people have been bitten, but the only cases which may be a support of the same time of Edward Harding, and Francis and Thomas McCarthy, of whom have been bitten in the leg. FLINTS FINE FURNITURE (FF)

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FAMILY LOST ON THE SOUND?

FOUR RESIDENTS OF BRIDGE-PORT ARE MISSING.

F. Robinson, Wife, Daughter and Se in-Law, R. S. Kelb, Went Out in a Naphtha Launch on Thursday and They Haven't Been Heard of Since

PRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 11.-Mr. and Mrs. William F. Robinson and their son-inlaw and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Kolb went for a cruise on the Sound in Mr. Kolb's 88-foot naphtha launch Zolfe on Thursday evening and were caught in a storm. Since that time nothing has been heard from any member of the party or of the where abouts of the yacht, and Thornton P. Robinson, son of Mr. Robinson, says he fears that they were capsized and drowned.

The young Mr. Robinson to-day secured the assistance of the local police and the harbor master in his search for his missing parents, his sister and his brother-in-law. The yacht had just been overhauled and it was the first time it had been taken out since it was repaired. Mr. Robinson said to-day that he had

telegraphed to Hartford to his brother, Dr. M. H. Robinson, and asked him to come to Bridgeport to join a searching party, which will start out to-morrow morning on a steamer to look for the yacht and the

missing quartet.

Mr. Robinson says that his father said he might go to Oyster Bay, but if he did he would return here the next morning. The father and son have a bakery business and as the father is a methodical man, his failure to send some word home aroused suspicion.

"My father knew that it is almost fmssible to attend to our Saturday trade eithout his s information of his absence," said Mr. Robinson to-night. 'I have communicated with the authorities of Oyster Bay who have made a search for the Zolfo. I was informed that no yacht answering to its description had been seen at that place. I know there was no intention on the part of any of the party to stay away longer than a day at the most.

"My father left his house open and I had to close the windows and do other things that he would have otherwise attended to My brother-in-law should have been at his business on Friday and no word has been heard from him.

"The storm of Thursday evening kicked up a heavy sea on the Sound and drove many tugs into this port for harbor. They were undoubtedly caught in it. I am discouraged over the outlook."

EARLY POLLS OF INDIANA. Both Parties Said to Have Been Surprises Over the Results.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 11.—Partial returns from the sixty day poll which was taken by both of the parties last week have been received at the headquarters here, and it is conceded that both contain surprises for the managers. The Democrats have met with disaffection in the mining regions and among the farmers in the agricultural counties.

If the poll is confirmed by the vote in November there will be a considerable slump to the Socialists in the mining regions and to the Populists among the farmers. It is hoped to counteract the defection among the farmers with speeche by Bryan. The poll returns will be used as the guide in making dates for his speeches in Indiana.

The Republican returns show that the Gold Democrats generally have returned to the party fold but in some places indirect gains will be made from the slump of Democrats to the Populist party, though there will be a loss to the Socialists in the mining counties where that party is making an active campaign. If the returns so far as received by both parties are trustworthy. the Socialists will probably poll 12,000 votes in the State against about 3,000 four years ago and about 7,000 at the last elec-

tion.

The largest increase in the Socialist sentiment is in Vanderburg, Vigo and Allen counties, the first two being Republican and the last Democratic.

TOOK HIS JAG ALOFT. Drunken Man Climbs a Tree and Falls on His Head. Thomes Downes, 58 years old and well

to do, got into lots of trouble yesterday and spent last night in a cell at the Liberty avenue police station, East New York, with his head swathed in bandages. Persons in Alabama avenue near Liberty avenue yesterday afternoon saw him zigzag up to a tree, after bumping into half a dozen pedestrians, and somehow climb to the lowest branch. Then he lurched and fell to the sidewalk, landing on his

head.

Ambulance Surgeon Smith was called from the Bradford Street Hospital and, after dressing the wound, took Downes in the ambulance to his boarding place, 2710 Fulton street. The boarding house keeper refused to receive him and after Downes had made an oration from the ambulance he was taken to the station.



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MARINES AND JACKIES FIGHT.

Bow Over an Attempt to Help Some Ap-

prentices to Escape. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 11-4 sharp fight between marines and sallors occurre on the receiving ship Lancaster at the League Island Navy Yard last night. It was the result of the attempt on the part of five apprentices to escape from the ship. The boys were held up by the marine sentry on duty. Immediately the sailors attacked the marine, beating him severely. The marine's cries for help were heard and answered by thirty or more of his companions. When the latter appeared the sailors called for reenforcements, and in a moment the combatants were lined up in about equal number.

Then they went at it. Fists and arms flew about in every direction, and now and then a resounding thwack would tell of the execution done. The appearance of Capt. Arnold and other officers put an end to the row, and the four jackies whe started the row were put in the brig. was the result of the attempt on the part

Bey Who Escaped From the George Junior Republic Returns Penitent.

ITHACA, N. Y., Sept. 11 .- Peter Chaccas, is years old, who escaped from the George Junior Republic two months ago, returns yesterday and gave himself up after having resterday and gave himself up after having tramped all over central New York. Young Chacona returned in a pitiable condition, shoeless and hatless and almost starving. He said he had had enough of tramping, and was willing to go back to the republic and serve his time for having escaped. Clarence Buck, another inmate of the republic, escaped with Chacona. The two fugitives separated last week in Binghamton and Buck is still at large.

DIED.

OHNSTON .- On Saturday, Sept. 16, Julia Evelys Johnston, wife of Dr. William Comeron Johnston and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Madi-Funeral services on Monday, Sept. 13, at \$ P. M.

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PUTNEY.—At his summer residence, Suffern, N. Y.,
on Saturday morning, William B. Futney, in
the 68th year of his age.

Funeral services at Zion and St. Timothy's
Church, West 57th st., between 8th and 9th
avs., Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 12 o'clock. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend. tives and friends respectfully invited to attend.

ROWLAND.—At New Haven, Conn., on the 8th inst., Frederick Croswell Rowland, in the 61st year of his age, son of the late George Rowland.

Esq., and Jane C. Rowland of that city.

Funeral services will occur at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at New Haven, corner of Chapel and Olive sts., Monday afternoon, the 12th inst., at 8 o'clock. Burial at Grove Street Competers. Relatives and friends are re-

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